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RAKOSI OUTLINES TEMPORARY HALT IN COLLECTIVIZATION, PLEDGES HUNGARY TO PEACE EFFORT

In a speech at the Congress of the Hungarian Workers Party on 3 March, Matyas Rakosi said that the party stands firmly behind the realization of Hungary's Five-Year Plan, the safeguarding of peace, and the Soviet-led peace front. Rakosi summarized the policies of the Hungarian Workers Party as follows:

The major task of the Five-Year Plan is the Socialist reorganization of the villege, which should be accomplished by stepping up propaganda activities without, however, resorting to coercion. The cooperative movement is based on voluntary action and has its origin in inner conviction. Let the hesitating peasants see the good work of the cooperatives and join them after proper deliberation. Difficulties still exist in all normally growing cooperative enterprises and if a new member is skentical, his doubts will increase in the course of events. Dissatisfied members will do more harm than good.

Acting on the party's recommendation, the Ministry of Agriculture has issued a decree forbidding the formation of new agricultural cooperatives between 10 March and harvest time. The purpose of the decree is to prevent organizational and administrative matters from interfering with the spring planting and other farm work. The peasants should, however, be encouraged to make plans for setting up new cooperatives and to plan the fall work in advance. While members may be admitted to existing cooperatives after 10 March, their land and livestock cannot be taken over before fall. All preparations for the extension of the cooperative movement should be carried on in the meantime, and prospective members are permitted to contribute their labor to the cooperatives without waiting until fall.

The interim period will also be used to strengthen existing cooperatives by providing them with party cadres, technical personnel, and machines, thus paving the way for the ultimate socialist transformation of the village.

The party is willing to made sacrifices, because it knows that they will lead to increased general welfare, culture, and security. The party is convinced that this policy is supported by the entire working population.

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The party has extended a cordial welcome to the delegates of 25 sister parties abroad. The delegates' reactions showed clearly that the successes of the Hungarian Workers Party strengthen the international peace front.

The reduction of prices in the USSR means a rise in the standard of living for the people of the Soviet Union. Stalin recently pointed out that a higher standard of living is inseparable from the Soviet Union's desire for peace. The entire world has accepted this view, including the workers of the imperialist countries. The reduction of prices is a powerful argument in the cause of peace.

The World Council for Peace has called for a five-power peace pact. The proposed pact would have enormous significance, and the Hungarian people are united in supporting it.

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